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MESSAGE FROM EDITOR: Reviews on OPDX's new "DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT" and "DXCC/Entities Chart of Activity" (for subscribers) were very favorable, even though, there were a few (not many) QSNs that were not reported right. As always, there were a few who were skeptical of the report. Especially the amount of activity that was reported. First let me say, last week's data was received just before going to print, and I was running behind and did not totally examine the report. Out of 252 DXCC/Entities reported, only 13 were questionable. Most noted were: 1S, 3C0, CE0X, FR/j, HM, JD/o, KH1, KH5K, S0, VU4, XZ, YA and ZD9. The main reason for these few QSNs showing up on the report is because of "BUSTED CALLSIGNS". Other added factors are "Pirate/Slim Reports" and individuals using the "DX" command to announce something (such as receiving a QSL card from KH5K) instead of using the "ANNOUNCEMENT" command on their local Packet/TelNet Cluster. I promise I will "do my best" to weed these out and delete them in future reports..... 73 and GUD DX de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 18/Feb, through Sunday, 25/Feb there were 241 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3V, 3W, 3Y/b, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D6, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FO/m, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH4, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, T2, T32, T33, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK3, ZL,

ZL9, ZP and ZS. PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin (due to its size) with a complete breakdown and "DXCC/Entities Chart of Activity".

3C, CONWAY REEF. Operators Raymon/YS1RR, Hrane/YT1AD, Branko/YU1FW, Ratko/YU1NR, Rasa/YU1RL, Gojko/YU6AO, Vojislav/YU7AV, Dragan/Z32AU, and Mome/ Z32ZM were now active from Conway as **3D2CI** until **February 28th**, before they leave for **Fiji**. The team is very busy but has had troubles. Their linears are down earlier, which obviously had an effect on the overall activity of the DXpedition, especially on lower bands. However, on Sunday, February 25th, they announced the linears were back in operation. They also reported that they were having big problems with waves (stating they are more than huge). The boat that was carrying the food rolled over and sank. They said that it is very HOT, and members of the team were being sunburned. On Sunday they also mentioned that they were having problems with "birds". In spite of poor conditions, the team keeps busy all the time. Pileups are everywhere on any band. For more information and upto the minute (and I do mean upto the minute) bulletins, check the Web page at: <http://www.kragujevac.co.yu/3d2/>

3W, VIETNAM. Claude, F5PBL, will be in **Ho Chi Minh City** from **March 22nd through the 30th**. He will be active on 10 and 15 meters, mostly CW. He hopes to participate in the **CQ WPX CW Contest**. He is waiting for his callsign. QSL via F5PBL.

3Y, BOUVET. Deon, ZR1DQ, reported on February 22nd, that there is "Good News" to all the operators who have not worked Chuck, **3Y0C**. The ship to Cape Town is being delayed by pack ice, and the date of departure from Bouvet seems to be **later than March 2nd**. Meanwhile, look for Chuck during following schedule:

- 0300-0530z - working on 3.772 MHz and also looking on 1.837 MHz.
- 0530-0600z - working on 14.195 MHz to Russia and Europe via long path.
- 0600-1100z - working 14.336 MHz to JA, VK and ZL.

4U, UNITED NATIONS HQ. Jun, JH4RHF, is now in U.S. on business and is currently in New York. He will try to operate from **4U1UN** during the next several days. He was active during the past weekend on 17/15/10 meters.

4W, EAST TIMOR. Thor, **4W6MM**, was heard active this past week on 40 meters CW and 15 meters RTTY. Check around 7016 kHz 1030-1200z and 21085 kHz 0700z.

5W & ZK, WESTERN SAMOA AND SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Change In Plans/Update). We have been informed that Dominique's, F6EPY, plans/schedule have been changed since OPDX.499 (Please refer to it). He will now operate as **5W0** from **February 27th through March 6th** instead of French Polynesia. He will be active from **South Cook Islands** between **March 7-16th**.

7O1YGF STATUS. We continue to receive E-mail requests about the status of this Yemen operation. So, OPDX asked DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, and he reports: "We still have not received documentation yet, but they still say that they will have it for us. We need to wait and see."

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Look for Peter, G4MJS, to be active as **9M6BAA** from **March 21st through April 4th**. Bands and modes of activity were not mentioned. QSL via G4SHF.

A5, BHUTAN. Charly, K4VUD (aka A52UD), reports that Kesang, **A51KC**, a newly licensed ham in Bhutan, is willing to make skeds for 10 meters (where he can only operate SSB) via E-mail. Kesang's E-mail address is: sophun@druknet.net.bt Charly recommends to strike now while winter propagation is still active. Meanwhile, **A51AA** has been on during the past week on 15 meters. The operator was Yesney. Check 21265 kHz between 1130 and 1400z. Activity by A51AA was also heard on 10 meters on 28480 kHz between 1030 and 1530z.

C5, THE GAMBIA. Mike/DL2OE and Hans/DL7CM are now active from here as **C56/homecall** until **March 5th**. Activity is expect to be on 160-6 meters CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

D6, COMOROS. The **D68C** operation continues to tear-up the bands with a high QSO count. The D68C online log can be found at the following address:
<http://www.dxbands.com/comoros/logbook.shtml>

EM, ANTARCTICA. Paul, UX2HO, is now active signing **EM1HO**. He is located at the **Ukrainian Base** on an Argentine Island in the Antarctica. He just arrived on the island two weeks ago and is active on HF with 200w and a vertical. He is also active on 6 meters with 100w and a simple dipole. He will be installing a 4 element yagi on six meters in the future. On HF, he will be on SSB, CW and the digital modes (including RTTY and PSK31). Paul will be here for one year. QSL via I2PJA.

FS & PJ7, ST. MARTIN AND ST. MAARTEN. Joe, W3HNC, and his XYL are taking a well-deserved few weeks from the snow in W3 land to enjoy the sun in FS/PJ7 land. While there, Joe will be active from both the French and Dutch sides of the island as **PJ7/W3HNC** and **FS/W3HNC**. His activity will include some operations during the **ARRL SSB Contest**. Look for Joe from **February 27th through March 15th**. PLEASE NOTE: QSLs for this operation go to KU9C.

H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS. Operator Loti has been activating the club station **H44AA** recently. He was heard on 21250 kHz between 1200-1330z. QSL to: P.O. Box G-11, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

I2, ITALY. Members of the "Saronno DX Team" will activate their ARI site in **Saronno** (Varese), Italy (JN45MP), during the **ARRL DX SSB Contest, March 3-4th**, using the special callsign "**I2R**". QSL via the Bureau or P.O. Box 37, SARONNO 21047 Varese, ITALY, or the QSL Manager I2RFJ: Ivano Rigoli, Via Spluga 3, 21050 GORLA MAGGIORE (Varese), ITALY.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-059.** After their activity from Maskali Island (AF-053) the operators J28EX (David/F5THR) and J28NH (Jean/F5NHJ) hope to be active from **Sept Freres** (Seven Brother) IOTA **AF-059** at the **end of March** with the callsign **J28CDX**.
- **EU-112.** Peter, GM3OFT, has obtained permission to put a station on **Eilean Garbh** (Shiants OH-18). This will be a 3 day operation during the period **May 28th through**

June 6th. He hopes also to do other **Outer Hebrides Islands** (possibly 6-7, the more easily accessible ones!) during the 10 days before or after the Shiant event. Look for more details as arrangements get finalized.

- **EU-136.** During the past weekend, Ewald/9A5ID was expected to activate the **Island of St. Marko**, in the Kvarner Group (IOCA CI-117, located in the north part of Adriatic sea, between main coast and the Island of Krk), for a few hours only on 40 meters SSB.
- **OC-129.** Look for Arnold, LA7YX, to be active as **DU5/LA7YX** from **Leyte Island** until **March 3rd**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (mostly on 3790/7050/14190/21290/28490 kHz). QSL via homecall.
- **SA-028.** Look Carlos/PU1NEZ, Zeca/PY1LVF, Pete/PY1NEW and Lima/PY1NEZ to sign **homecall/2** from **Sebastiao Island** (DIB-16), **March 15-19th**. Activity will be 80-10 meters CW/SSB. Suggested frequencies are:
 - **SSB** - 3755/7055/14260/18128/21260/24950/28460 kHz.
 - **CW** - 3530/7030/10115/14040/18098/21040/24920/28040 kHz.

QSL via the Bureau or direct to operator:

- **PU1NEZ** - Carlos Guilherme Correa, R. Presidente Backer 9, apto. 306, 24220-045 Niter=F3i, RJ,
- **PY1LVF** - Jose Luiz Vieira Fernandes, Caixa Postal 18009, 20722-970 Rio de Janeiro, RJ,
- **PY1NEW** - Emanuel Tavares Filho, Caixa Postal 100659, 24001-970 Niteroi, RJ,
- **PY1NEZ** - Rogaciano de Lima C. Filho, R.Belizario Augusto 91 apto. 1101, 24230-200 Niteroi, RJ.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Pick/WA5PAE and Jay/K4ZLE expect to be active from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as **KG4IZ** and **KG4MO** respectively from **March 16-25th**. They plan to work 160-6 meters, mostly CW, some PSK31 and even a little SSB (but 'nyet' nets). Jay will make an appearance in **CQ WPX SSB Contest**. Pick says he will slow down to 5 wpm at times for the new "Extras". :-) QSL via home calls.

MJ, JERSEY ISLAND. Bernard/K8PT and Craig/K3PLV will be active **March 14-20th** as **MJ/homecall**. Look for them to be on 160-10 meters, with an emphasis on CW, RTTY and PSK31 and the WARC bands. QSL via their home callsigns.

NEW DX SPOTTING RECORD! Terry, AB5K, from AR-Technology, reports: Since August 1, 1999, we have run over 1 million spots on the AR-Cluster backbone. Thanks to all of the hub nodes, regional networks, nodes, sysops and users who have made this possible. The results from this past week's ARRL CW Contest were:

	Saturday	Sunday	Peak Spots/Hr
Worldwide Spots -	11,544	12,387	700
U.S. Spots -	6,364	8,756	550

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN. Ron/ND5S, his wife Sue/KF5LG, Bil/W8EB and his wife Dorothy/W8DVC plan to be here over the next few weeks. Ron operated as **FS/ND5S** last week from the French side of the island and participated in the **ARRL DX CW Contest**. He will operate from the Dutch side as **PJ7/ND5S** until **March 3rd**. Bill, W8EB, will arrive on the island **February 26th** and will operate from the Dutch side as **PJ7WB** and will participate in the **ARRL DX Phone Contest** as Single Op/Low Power entry with the callsign of **PJ7B**. There will be daily skeds with these Michigan hams now through March 18th on the frequency of

14273 at 2030z. Look for them on all bands, 160-10 meters, CW, SSB and RTTY. All QSLs are via their respective home callsign. Check out their Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/pj8a/>

PSK31 AWARD. The Penn-Ohio DX Society (PODXS) has something PSK'ers enjoy working for. The "PODXS" has a free 070 Club PSK Award program available. For info about the "PODXS" and the 070 Club PSK Award, visit their Web site at: <http://hometown.aol.com/n3dqu/podxs.htm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- During last weekend's contest, a group from the radio club in Las-Tunas, Cuba, was active with the special callsign **T48K**. The station was operated by CO8ZZ, CO8DM and others. QSLs will be managed by Erhard/DK1WI and/or Uwe/DL9US by the bureau or direct. Erhard states, "Please note, that the return postage needed is 1 IRC or 2 USD, for using Air-Mail. Using the 'Land-Way', 1 USD is enough."
- **EA5KB** was active from the Castellon/Valencia Province Group (EU-151) this past week. QSL via EA5KB.
- **FR/F6KDF/T QSL STATUS.** Gil, F5NOB, reports that 3000 more QSLs were mailed this past weekend. QSLs received this month and in January will be mailed next time (at the end of March). He still recommends NOT to resend QSL cards yet. If they received it, you will get it.
- **NOT THE MANAGER!** Randy, W6CUA, reports he is receiving QSL cards for **C21NI** or **HZ1AB**. He is NOT the QSL Manager for these stations. The correct QSL Manager for HZ1AB is **K8PYD**. QSLs for C21NI go direct to him via his CBA.
- The Magnolia DX Association was active from Dauphin Island, AL, (NA-143) as **W4D** this past weekend. QSL to W5UE (CBA) or via the W FIVE Bureau (P O Box 999, Wiggins, MS). Full details of the operation are available on their Web site at: <http://www.mdxa.org>

S2, BANGLADESH. Stig, **S21YJ**, still continues to be active for a few more weeks. He has been on almost daily on 14318 kHz between 1400-1500z. He will take down his antennas in early March. QSL via SM4AIO.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for special event station, **VI3GP**, to be active on Wednesday, **February 28**, at 1300z through Sunday, **March 4th**, at 1300z. This special event callsign will be operated by the Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club Melbourne (EMDRC). The callsign has been issued to commemorate the running of the **2001 Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix in Melbourne** on Sunday, **March 4th**. QSL via the VK3 Bureau, or direct to the EMDRC (QTHR), with SAE and return postage. If insufficient postage is received, the Special Event QSL card will be returned via the Bureau.

TR, GABON. Xavier, **TR8CX**, has been active on 10 meter FM lately. Check around/between 29175 and 29235 kHz between 1200-1600z.

V2, ANTIGUA (Operation Cancelled). Chuck, N2CY, informs OPDX that due to an unexpected trip he must make for his work, he will have to **cancel** his plans to operate the **ARRL SSB Contest** from V26. Chuck hopes to be able to try again during another contest and to put V26CY on the air.

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. Look for Joe, VE3BW, to sign **V47CA** from **April 9-24th**. Activity will be on all bands, but he also plans to be on 6 meters too.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF. The VK9WI team who bought you Willis Island in May, 2000, are at it again! Team members are David/VK4ZEK, Alan/VK4BKM, Peter/ VK4APG and Harris/VK4CWT. They will be active on Mellish Reef on 80-6 meters, **April 21-24, 2001**. This trip is primarily a survey trip to help facilitate the planning of a larger "full-on" DXpedition back to Mellish Reef in either late 2001 or early 2002. The team plans to be on the reef for approximately four days only. There will be one HF station operating continuously along with one 6 meter station. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 3504, 7025, 14025, 21025, 28025, 50105 kHz
- **SSB** - 3799, 7085, 14195, 21295, 28480, 50145 kHz

Your pilots stations for this operations will be:

- Bill Rothwell, G0VDE (Europe) BillRothwell@radioham.screaming.net
- Adam MAURER, VK4CP (Rest of World) vk4cp@one.net.au

Please, no individual sked requests accepted. For the latest news on the VK9ML Mellish Reef Site-Survey/Activation in April 2001, visit the VK9ML Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/vk9ml/>

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (Special Anniversary). To celebrate its 82nd birthday on February 26th, Bob Denniston, VP2VI, will re-create his first ever DXpedition on **March 10-11th**, on all bands, 160-10 meters. His first DXpedition was held during the ARRL DX Contest, the second weekend in March, 1948, from VP7NG in the Bahamas, lead by Bob Denniston, W4NNN, now VP2VI/W0DX. Denniston will re-create the original expedition conditions as much as possible, while operating from his **Tortola** QTH with 100 watts to 138 ft. and 66 ft. wire antennas and hand keying. The original expedition "Meissner Signal Shifter", 100 watt home brew amplifier, and Hallicrafters SX-28A will share the operating desk with contemporary gear. Some long-time friends have been invited to fill shifts during the 48-hour CW-only event. Look for them on 24 kHz up from band edges, except on the WARC bands. A commemorative QSL will be available with a SASE to QSL Manager W6RKC: Rick Casey, 10640 Tabeaud Road, Pine Grove, CA 95665. For more information, contact Jim Livengood at: kp2l@arrrl.net

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Look for 4 members of the GMDX to be active from the Falkland Islands (**SA-002**) as **VP8SDX**, between **April 23rd and May 8th**. The operators will be Rob/GM3YTS, Jack/GM4COX, Tom/GM4FDM and Gavin/GM0GAV. They plan to have 2 stations active. Their main focus will be on CW, LF and the WARC bands. QSL via GM4FDM. Further information can be found on the Web page at: <http://www.hfdx.co.uk/vp8sdx/>

VU, INDIA. Jose, VU2JOS, reports that permission to use the following frequencies by VU Amateurs have been extended up to 1830z of **July 31, 2001**. Frequencies extend: **3790-3800 kHz, 10100-10150 kHz** and **50.35** and **50.55 MHz**.

XU, CAMBODIA. A small group of Germans (2-4 operators) will be active from here **July 15th through August 3rd**. The first 4 days will be limited to highband activities from **Siem Reap** (Angkor Wat). The all band activity will be from **Sihanoukville** on 160-6 meters (with an

emphasis on the low bands), CW/SSB and possibly RTTY. So far only one operator's callsign has been confirmed, Frank/DL4KQ will be active as **XU7ABR**. QSL via DL4KQ. For updates, check the Web page: <http://www.DL4KQ.de>

ZK1, NORTH AND SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Two members of the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC), Uwe/DL9NDS and Klaus/DL7NFK, will be active from these islands between **April 28th through May 18th**, as **ZK1NDS** and **ZK1NFK**, respectively. They plan to activate the following islands from the South Cook Island Group: **Rarotonga (OC-013)**, **Mangaja Island (OC-159)** and **Aitutaki-Island (OC-083)**. They will also activate **Manihiki Atoll (OC-014)** in the North Cook Island Group. Their equipment consists of two 400W PAs, a 1Kw PA, LP5, V80E vertical and some wires. There will also be a lots of activity on RTTY, PSK31 and MFSK16. QSL via their home callsigns. For up-to-date information and an online logs, check the Web site at: <http://www.dl9nds.de/Cook/cook.html>

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